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BOOKS FOR OUR FRIENDS IN PRINCE EDWARD

Often it takes years to accumulate a creditable library. Over in Prince Edward County, there is a pressing immediate need for books for the use of the Prince Edward Academy (Farmville) and Worsham Academy and other private schools to open next month. The library is a major necessity for these schools, and surely every one will want to do one of two things: give or loan suitable books for the library, or send a cash donation for the purchase of books. Time is pressing. This week has been designated: Library Week in Prince Edward.

Librarian to be contacted is:

Miss Kate O'Brien,
Farmville, Virginia.

Most needed are: Dictionaries, Reference Books, Encyclopedias, books on Science, History, English, Mathematics, Biology, Fine Arts, Literature, etc., for use by school students. If the books are to be loaned see that your name is written in the book and that a list of the books loaned is furnished Miss O'Brien. The immediate need is for at least 2,500 GOOD BOOKS!

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KNOWING THE ANSWERS

One of the fascinting things about life is the constant realization, among intelligent people, that few arguments and issue are ever on a yes or no, right or wrong basis, and that few conclusions or rules can be laid down in blanket fashion to cover a mass portion of the pouplation on any major question.

In talking with others, if you will note their readiness to be positive about their statements, or their conclusions, you can usually determine the depth of their philosophy and the amount of wisdom they have acquired over the years. Those who always feel sure they have the answers are most often the ones who are actually bewildered and in need of further enlightenment.

Likewise, those who should make an effort to improve their minds, and add to their knowledge and education, are often the ones who are completely content never to read worthwhile books, look over the news intelligently, or try to draw conclusions of their own.

Admittedly, we live in a complex world, and it is hard to know who is telling the truth, who really knows the score, what to read and where to find it. However, this adds to present our generation with one of its greatest challenges. That challenge is that the general level of wisdom and intelligence and philosophy of life keep pace with the material advances of the time.

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KENNEDY AND BOMBS

Senator John Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, has said that he would use nuclear weapons, if necessary, in defending our rights in Berlin.

This is a grim statement to make, and we wonder just where the nuclear weapons would be used, if the Russians put the squeeze on us in Berlin. The difficulty is that the Russians could put the squeeze on us quietly, and without reporting to physical force, and we would almost certainly be pushed to the wall.

President Eisenhower recognizes our dilemma, and it is doutiful if Mr. Eisenhower is ready to drop nuclear weapons because of a new Berlin blockade. On the other hand, our entire strategy in Europe has been based on the assumption that we would use nuclear weapons if a war arises.

Kennedy believes, quite rightly, in our opinion, that we cannot afford to back down or appease Russia. He believes that this will only lead to a worse situation at a later date, as appeasement with aggressors inevitably does.

On the other hand, to advocate the use of nuclear weapons concerning Berlin is an extreme position.

What we think the net result of Senator Kennedy's speech was, is on the beneficial side. We believe this because a good bluff, in the Berlin crisis, is our best weapon. If the Russians believe we will use nuclear weapons if we are forced to it, in the Berlin situation, they will not crowd us into the final corner.

We pray that no situation will develop in which the United States will be put on the spot as the starter of an atomic war. Yet, a speech such as that of Senator Kennedy, may just keep the Communist world wondering as to whether we might do so.

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No matter how criminal they are, they always stand on their constitutional rights.

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We know old men who remember the compliments that came to them as little boys.

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Promises are easier to make than to fulfill, but people continue to make them carelessly.

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A cat may have nine lives, but when you are on the highway, remember that you are not a cat.

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Most adults overlook the value of play and amusement in life. Some, we must admit, overdo it.

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Not what you read, but how you read is the key to knowledge.

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Some prophets are without honor unless they toot their own horns.

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Nothing is drudgery to those who are interested in and happy in the work at hand.

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Words have a different meaning to different ears, so be careful how you use them.

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Why not make up your mind to do something every day to improve yourself? It will pay handsome dividends.

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Life should not be all work. Everyone is entitled to recreation and a bit of amusement, whether everybody gets it or not.

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Washington Notes

Civil Rights

A diluted version of President Eisenhower's civil rights program has been approved by the House Judiciary Committee.

The committee cleared a five-point bill by a reported vote of 17 to 13. The measure faces further delay in the House Rules Committee, but supporters have expressed confidence that it would reach the House floor.

World Exchange Planned

A spontaneous movement to promote closer relations between teachers of the East and West developed in Washington recently at the annual assembly of the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession.

The move came when delegates from several European nations offered to set up programs to exchange information with Asian representatives. The exchange, first proposed by the Netherlands teachers' organization, would involve pupils as well as teachers.

U. S. Food Spending Up

The Department of Agriculture has reported that Americans spent $57,700,000,000 last year for foods produced by United States farmers. This was an increase of nearly 5 per cent over 1957.

Farmers were said to have received $20,800,000,000 of this amount. The remaining $36,900,000,000 went to processors, transportation agencies and distributors.

G. I. SERVANTS

The Army is apparently abandoning the use of enlisted men as servants for highranking officers, Representative Frank Kowalski has reported.

The Connecticut Democrat, a retired infantry colonel, expressed the hope that the Air Force and Navy would follow suit.

LATIN-AID BANK

The House of Representatives has approved United States participation in a billion-dollar band to help the development of the twenty-one Latin-American republics.

The vote was 230 to 87. The measure now goes to the White House for almost certain signature.

Fund For Stationery

The House voted without dissent to give each of its members an additional $600 a year for stationery—or a total of $1,800.

The increase, which will cost $261,600, was retroactive to last January and will continue for the remainder of the Eighty - Sixth Congress.

City Gets The Blues

Luton, England.- When blue rain began falling in the streets of this English town, the residents were baffled.

It was not until later that the cause of the mysterious rain was discovered. A nearby dye factory was being demolished at the time the storm came up. Large globs of dye were swept skyward by the wind and mixed with the rain, tinting it blue.

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Bible Material: Daniel 1—6; 9.
Devotional Reading: Revelation 7:9-17.

Prayer of Captives

Lesson for August 23, 1959

IT SURPRISES most people when they first look into it, how much the Bible has to say about prisoners. To mention only two examples: The Ten Commandments, copies of which hang on many a church wall, begin with a reference to a "house of bondage," a Hebrew expression for a place where slaves and prisoners are kept under guard. The God who gave these laws is the God who sets prisoners free. Then in the New Testament where Jesus is preaching to his own village friends and relatives, he takes a text from Isaiah describing his own work (Luke 4:18; Isaiah 61:1); one of the first things God gave him to do was to "proclaim liberty to the captives."

Dr. Foreman

Eleven Million Exiles

Furthermore, some books of the Bible were written by men who had been in jail or were actually in a jail when writing. The prayer which is the subject of this week's study comes from the Hebrew exiles, for it represents not simply one man's prayer but may be thought of as the desire of many a heart. Exile, we have to remember, is a form of captivity without chains. Living in exile is like a bear in a modern zoo: he sits in no cage, but is free to roam around on the rocks. He does not have bars around him, but there is something just as effective, a deep moat all around his rocky island, too wide and too steep for him to cross. So the exile (Daniel or Nehemiah or Joseph, for instance) may be free enough to build a house or to plant a garden; but all around him is the invisible pit, the impossibility of ever going home again.

Today, it is estimated, there are in the world more than eleven million refugees, "stateless" people, who have left their native land because they had to, driven by the cruelties of war or the colder cruelties of peace. Vietnamese, Arabs, Jews, north-Koreans, Chinese, Hungarians, East Germans, Indians . . . the list is far longer than that. Millions of these exiles are Christians; they know what the prayer of captives means.

What Can They Do?

Many of these modern exiles live under conditions that make a modern jail look like the Hilton Hotel. For every Hungarian (for example) who manages to reach the United States and a new start in life there are thousands who live in barracks, supported by the World Council of Churches, or the United Nations, at poverty level. If it were not for these great organizations millions would have starved and many thousands who have been resettled would still be in ragged tents or barracks without hope or help. The exiles are by no means from the down-and-outs back home. Most of them are professional people, farmers, skilled workmen, persons who could make an independent living if they had a chance. The writer knows of one Hungarian family who at the moment of writing would be very happy to come to the United States, but are barred out because —though the father is an unusually educated and able man—no one here has been found who will sponsor them. They have a number of children, and unless some person or group guarantees their support and education in case the parents die, the U. S. will not admit them. This is only one case among many.

Prisoners Near By

Most people who read this column are free and self-supporting. Concentration camps, detention barracks, the life of exiles, seem far away. But many people who read this can do something about the friendless prisoners of the world. It may be that your church has never undertaken to sponsor a refugee, or to take part in sending help (through Church World Service or otherwise) to the unfortunate victims of wars and/or bad governments in the refugee camps of the world. If so, you might be the person to spark-plug a real Christian effort along this line. But there may be prisoners still nearer. There is a jail or a penitentiary somewhere not far from you.

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BULLETIN ON CRESS PUBLISHED AT VPI

The culture of watercress is the subject of a new bulletin authored by Dr. G. M. Shear, plant pathologist at VPI Agricultural Experiment Station.

Written at the request of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the publication, "Growing Watercress," covers climate, water supply, location, and construction of beds and other phases of the Watercress is a delicacy, and is in pal city markets country. Dr. with the USDA, letin to answer a ber of questions commercial.

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FARM NEWS

Feeder and Feeder Calves To Be Held

A sale will be held at Livestock Market, County beef cattle invited to consign this sale. Following requirements which to consign to this:

1. To consign steers—no herd Bangs and T. B. tests are necessary.
2. To consign heifers— Bangs and T. B. tests required for herd within 12 months of sale.
3. Vaccinations— All heifers required to be vaccinated for brucellosis between the ages of 4 and 8 months; all steers and heifers required to be vaccinated with Hemorrhagic Septicemia bacterin and Blackleg, between August 20th and September 20th.
4. Dehorning must have been completed in time for the wound to be healed before sale date.
5. No cross breeds, bobtails, blind, crippled or dwarfs will be accepted.
6. Weight—300 pounds to 700 pounds.
7. Calves must have been sired by a registered bull.
8. Accepted grades — fancy, choice, good and medium. Rejected cattle must be removed from the yards the day delivered. 50c nomination fee will be forfeited for any rejected cattle.
9. Heifer guarantee: each consignor of heifers guarantees a 15% refund on the first sale price should any of his animals prove to have been bred prior to sale date.
10. Each consignor shall furnish one bale of hay for every 5 head consigned.

If you are interested in consigning calves to the above sale, please contact your county agent, Jim Smith and fill out a nomination blank. This must be done before September 15th, if you have cattle to nominate for the sale.

The third yearling steer sale will be held at the Lynchburg Livestock Market on Thursday, October 22nd, 1959. Those interested in consigning to this sale will need to follow the requirements listed below.

1. No vaccinations nor herd tests required to consign steers.
2. Steers will be graded—fancy, choice, good, medium, common. The weight: 500 - 1,100 pounds.
3 No horned steers, stags, bulls, ill or defected cattle accepted.
4. Nomination fee of 50c per head must be deposited with your nomination. This fee is forfeited if cattle are not delivered to the sale.

If any of Appomattox County's beef cattle producers are interested in consigning to this sale, please contact your county agent and sign a nomination blank not later than October 1st.

A study of Virginia cattle sales has shown that the sales with large numbers of cattle bring the top prices and the sales with large numbers of cattle attract more buyers who want great numbers of cattle. It is to your interest financially to consign your cattle to these sales.

FIRST INCREASE IN FIVE YEARS NOTED IN NATION'S CALF CROP

This year's national calf crop is expected to exceed last year's by 2 per cent — the first increase since 1954.

R. O. Russell, assistant agricultural economist at VPI, says the increase is largely a reflection of improved cattle prices over the past two years.

The 1959 calf crop is expected to total 41,328,000 head. Cows and heifers two years old or older on farms January 1, 1959, totaled 47,190,000 head compared to 46,520,000 head in 1958. The number of calves born or to be born, expressed as a percentage of the cow and heifer age group, is expected to total 88 per cent this year. This percentage is above the rate of the past few years and equals the record high rates of 1942 and 1953. Such a percentage, though not strictly a calving rate, shows trends in cow herd productivity, Russell explains.

In Virginia, the calf crop is forecast at the same level as last year because of a slight decrease (1 per cent) in the number of cows and heifers two years old or older on farms January 1, 1959. However, all of the decline in cow numbers in this age group was in milk cow numbers. Therefore, the number of beef calves born or to be born may well exceed the past year because of a 1 per cent increase in the calving percentage while beef cow numbers remained stable.

Virginia recorded an 18 per cent increase in the number of beef heifers in the one to two-year-old group between January 1, 1958 and January 1, 1959. Such an increase may well indicate a substantially larger calf crop in 1960 since these heifers will begin to bear calves in the next year, Russell says.

VARIOUS INSECTS CAUSING FARM WOES

Aphids, beetles, and weevils of various kinds are among the insects currently causing woes in Virginia's farms and gardens, reports Arthur P. Morris, associate entomologist at VPI.

In his weekly survey of insect troubles in Virginia, Morris notes that corn leaf aphids are becoming abundant on corn and sorghum plants in several parts of the state, however, controls are not recommended.

Boll weevils are rapidly increasing, and there is also danger of heavy boll worm damage in cotton fields. Control measures are given in Circular 491, "More Profit from Your Cotton," available from county agents in the cotton counties, or from the VPI Agricultural Extension Service, Blacksburg.

Aphids and spider mites are troublesome on blackberries in some areas. As soon as the berries are harvested, apply malathion spray or dust to control both aphids and mites, Morris advises.

Bagworms, heavy on some ornamentals, will not succumb this late in the season to insecticides. After the larvae stop feeding, hand-picking and burning is the only control that will work until they start hatching again next spring.

There have been reports on sawtooth grain beetles in kitchens. Morris says to find the material in which they are breeding and remove it. Use a residual household spray on surfaces and in cracks where they are likely to be crawling or breeding. Take precautions to prevent food and utensils from becoming contaminated.

CERTIFIED SEED DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Virginia's 1959 certified seed directory, issued by the Virginia Crop Improvement Association, is now available.

J. R. Whatley, Blacksburg, secretary-treasurer of the association, says the growers of certified seed of wheat, small grains, soybeans, tobacco, hybrid corn, peanuts, and other crops are listed in the directory.

The directory also gives recommendations, compiled with the cooperation of VPI Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service staff members, on the various management practices.

Whatley points out that certification is the farmer's assurance of getting top-quality seed. Certification assures that the seed was grown from planting stocks of known pedigrees, that fields have been closely inspected and have met standards of varietal purity, that the seed has been properly handled during harvesting and cleaning, and that it meets high purity and germination standards.

Chemical Reduces Loss Of Carotene in Alfalfa

Loss of carotene, an important nutrient, from dehydrated alfalfa meal may now be greatly reduced by the use of a chemical, EMQ, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

The Agriculture Research Service has shown that the chemical also preserves xanthophylls and vitamin E, both important to livestock nutrition. In the case of carotene, it is estimated that oxidation losses are cut from one-third to one-tenth of the total content.

Developing a practical method for applying EMQ to dehydrated alfalfa meal led to a further improvement in this feed. ARS scientists found that EMQ could be best applied by dissolving the additive in inedible animal fat and spraying it on the feed. This not only provides uniform application, but the oily treatment also aids in maintaining the green color of fresh forage and overcomes the nuisance of dustiness during processing and handling of alfalfa meal.

A patent for the process has been granted Dr. C. Ray Thompson, chemist, at the Western Utilization Research and Development Division, Albany, California.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Aug. 18.- Dinner guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette were the Rev. and Mrs. Waycaster, Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Dean, Sandy and Linda; Rev. Davidson, Mrs. Walker Phelps, J. L. Thornhill, and Mrs. Nathalie Robertson.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale Sunday were Mr and Mrs. Willie Lythgoe, of Buckingham, and James Beale, of Lynchburg. Jimmie Alvis, of Danville, visited in this home last week.

Mrs. Florene Phelps is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Marvin Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Booker and children, of Boston, Mass., are visiting his mother, Mrs. Bertha Booker.

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